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Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the present application:

1 (currently amended): A wide angle reflective element for a mirror assembly for a vehicle comprising:

a polymeric mirror substrate having an exterior surface comprising a less curved inboard surface and a more curved outboard surface, said polymeric mirror substrate ~~formed by one of casting, extrusion or injection molding of~~ comprising a polymeric resin material, said polymeric mirror substrate having a reflector disposed on a surface thereof to provide a reflective element for a vehicle mirror assembly; and

a thin at least partially flexible glass sheet, ~~said thin at least partially flexible glass sheet having an attaching surface opposed to and~~ adhered to said exterior surface of said polymeric mirror substrate so as to provide an anti-abrasion ~~layer-sheet~~ at said outboard and inboard surfaces of said exterior surface of said polymeric mirror substrate, said thin at least partially flexible glass sheet substantially conforming to said exterior surface of said polymeric mirror substrate when adhered thereto, said thin at least partially flexible glass sheet having a thickness of less than approximately 0.8 mm.

2 (previously presented): The wide angle reflective element of claim 1, wherein said reflector is disposed at an inner surface of said substrate opposite said exterior surface.

3 (previously presented): The wide angle reflective element of claim 1, wherein said substrate is cut from a molded or extruded or cast strip or sheet, said glass sheet being laminated to said strip or sheet, at least two substrates being cut from said strip or sheet.

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4 (previously presented): The wide angle reflective element of claim 3, wherein said reflector comprises a reflective film applied to said strip or sheet on an inner surface of said substrates opposite said exterior surface.

5 (previously presented): The wide angle reflective element of claim 1, wherein said reflector comprises a reflective film applied to an inner surface of said substrate opposite said exterior surface.

6 (previously presented): The wide angle reflective element of claim 5, wherein said reflective film comprises a polymeric reflective film at least one of laminated, adhered and applied to said inner surface of said substrate.

7 (original): The wide angle reflective element of claim 6, wherein said reflective film comprises an all polymer-thin-film multilayer, high reflective mirror film comprising multiple coextrusion of many plastic layers to form a highly reflective mirror film.

8 (previously presented): The wide angle reflective element of claim 1, wherein said reflector comprises a reflective film applied to said exterior surface of said substrate, said glass film being applied to an exterior surface of said reflective film.

9 (previously presented): The wide angle reflective element of claim 8, wherein said reflective film comprises a polymeric reflective film at least one of laminated, adhered and applied to said exterior surface of said substrate.

10 (original): The wide angle reflective element of claim 9, wherein said reflective film comprises an all polymer-thin-film multilayer, high reflective mirror film comprising multiple coextrusion of many plastic layers to form a highly reflective mirror film.

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11 (original): The wide angle reflective element of claim 1, wherein said reflective element is adapted for one of an interior rearview mirror assembly and an exterior rearview mirror assembly.

12-21 (canceled).